



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Improve the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. LaRoche of Augusta

Committee: Labor and Housing

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 to a newly created Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Administrative Efficiency Fund within the Maine State Housing Authority to increase the capacity to accept and process applications for the LIHEAP program in a timely manner.

Additional costs to the Maine State Housing Authority and the Department of Health and Human Services to convene and take part in the required working group to investigate ways to improve and increase the efficiency of the LIHEAP program can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.